

MADE UP LIKE WOMEN.

New Tricks of the Extreme London Dudes.

Painted men exist. They are to be seen in London. They are the newest freaks of melancholy. They have exhausted all other forms of beauty and would now entertain the world with their frescoed visages, says the writer in the Boston Herald.

The first of these species that I encountered diffused soft scents. He sat opposite me toying with a soup spoon and murdering the platitudes of Piccadilly to an amazed spinster to his right. Before the dinner was finished he had wiped out a silver-mounted fan and was waving it gently before his ornamental brow. Over the coffee he produced perfumed cigarettes and the atmosphere became like that of a perfumer's on a hot day in August. His fingers were covered with jewels, and he wore a dainty bracelet on his left wrist. He was a creature of most exquisite decoration, and I watched him throughout the courses in silent wonder.

The creature was inaffable and he purred at the company, never openly addressing it. He had, perhaps, three ideas in his head, but he adroitly concealed them. His finest accomplishment was in looking at the ladies.

Soon after this I saw another specimen of this new fashion in trousered humanity. Strangely enough the second painted man was encountered at an oratorio. They were doing Gounod's "Redemption" at the Albert Hall, and the thing was in the box adjoining ours. What it wanted there; what satisfaction it could capture from an oratorio I can never guess. It did not listen once in the three hours. It gabbled. It was for all the world like a hybrid of turkey and peacock. It gabbled and chuckled; it spread its superb tailoring; it extended its ringed hands; it admired itself in a pocket mirror; it posed; it languished; it never smiled, and it was thirty years old if a day, and fat.

Having encountered two of these creatures, I kept a vigil for others of their kind. Was it possible that a new fashion in man had been projected? Evidently yes, because my watch has revealed companions to the primary pair. At a reception the other night I espied a being more wonderful than either of the two who started my quest. He was "made up" like a second-rate prima donna. His cheeks had an even pinkness most delicately laid on. His nether eyelids were penciled, his hands were undeniably lined. He was a pattern in rouge, and he looked for all the world like one of Mme. Tussaud's wax images, except that he was much better dressed than any doll in Marylebone road. He is, I am informed, a man of wealth and forty summers. It is alleged that he has culture, and that he shows it in his writings about art and music. Wherefore the wonder increases that any cultured being can paint himself.

But it is to this that the dandified are coming. I have seen a dozen painted men of an evening at the play, and they were not on the stage. Strolling in Piccadilly of an afternoon these gentlemen disport themselves. It is getting to be, in the language of the time, quite the proper caper for dandy men to paint themselves. A new horror waits on metropolita in life. And the worst of it is that these bedizened males are now so numerous that they are tolerated. In what is called the "smart set" they will soon cease to be conspicuous because they threaten to become general. Two years ago half the women in London society were painting themselves out of all semblance to respectability. But they seem to be giving up the trick, now that alleged men are acquiring it.

HATES ALL CEREMONY.

The Czar Is Neither Soldier, Sailor Nor Diplomat.

The French will be greatly disappointed if they think that a general or an admiral as an ambassador in St. Petersburg will be more successful in getting the ear of the Czar than a plain citizen. The fact is that the Czar never gives an audience. This man, who disposes of one of the vastest empires in the world, before whom everything falls down, whom no one resists, for whom it is enough that he should raise his little finger to set in movement millions and millions of men, is neither a soldier nor a sailor nor a diplomat. I might add that he is almost what is known here as a bourgeois. He has a horror of fetes, he detests ceremonies, he loves neither military nor naval reviews. He adores his family and is contented only with them. He is not one of those Russians who are half savage, half Machiavel, he is rather a simple mujik, a lover of truth and a speaker of it. When he returns to St. Petersburg he bids the diplomatic corps not to come to meet him. When he presides before a review he leaves the field as soon as possible, and is pleased to get down from his horse, for he does not like it. At Copenhagen his greatest pleasure consisted in going out in a short coat and a soft hat, mingling with the pedestrians, who pretended not to recognize him, and in taking a cab. Indeed, he once amused himself in a very odd fashion, he and his family taking a tramcar to go into the country. In politics, as in everything else, the Czar's ideas are simple. He is not communicative because he does not know how to develop his thoughts. He has never spoken for five consecutive minutes in his life. When he is in Denmark or in the Crimea, as his Government accompanies him, he devotes half an hour a day to signing papers, and that constitutes the only business. —London Times.

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